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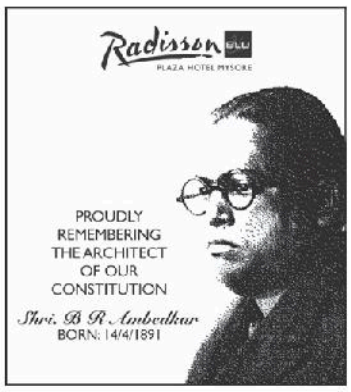
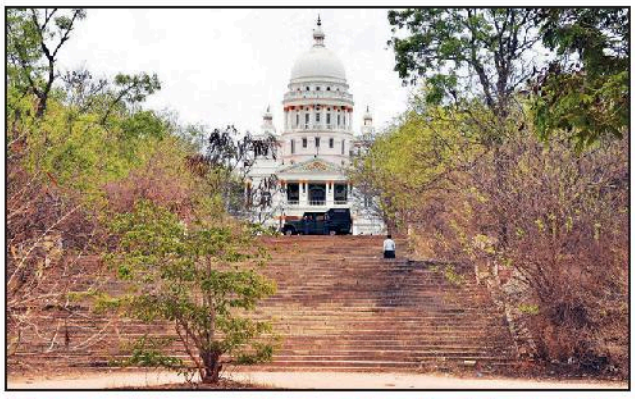


No Heli-Tourism Project against public opinion

District Minister Somashekar says he was not much aware of Tourism Department plans



Forest Department to hold public hearing on tree-felling on Apr. 23

Mysuru, Apr.14 (PM, DM & BCT)- Two days after Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha launching a no-holds-barred attack on the proposed Heli-Tourism Project at the 40-acre Tourism Department land near Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel, District Minister S.T. Somashekar today categorically stated that the Government will not go against public opinion on the issue.

Somashekar's statement has come at a time when opposition has been growing against the cutting of more than 100 trees to construct the Heliport for Heli-Tourism linking Mysuru with a couple of other tourist destinations across the State including Hampi. It is a pet project of Tourism Minister C.P. Yogeeshwar, who incidentally also holds the portfolio of Environment and Ecology.

Those against the project have argued that Lalitha Mahal area is a butterfly and a birding zone and the proposed Heli-Tourism project would cause irreparable damage to the ecology. Following the outrage, Forest Department has agreed to conduct a public hearing on Apr. 23 to seek objections to the felling of trees.

Speaking to media persons after taking part in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanthi celebrations organised by District Administration at Town Hall in city this morning, the Minister said that he was not much aware of Tourism Department's plans on Heli-Tourism and how it will benefit Mysuru.

When reporters apprised the Minister about the growing public opinion against the project, Somashekar said that the State Government will not go against popular sentiments.

"The Forest Department has invited public opinion and I am told about the public hearing on Apr. 23. The Government has not done anything against public opinion till now. Let the hearing happen and we will take note of the popular opinion. We will be in favour of public sentiments," the District Minister said.

(See PROJECT on page 7)

CBSE Class 12 exams postponed, Class 10 exams cancelled

New Delhi, Apr. 14 (Agencies)-The Class 10 CBSE Board exams have been cancelled and Class 12 Board exams have been postponed. CBSE Class 10 Board results will be prepared on the basis of objective criterion developed by the Board. Class 12 students will be given a fresh date.

The announcement comes after Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and other senior education officials this noon to discuss the CBSE exams that were set to start from May 4.

For CBSE Class 10 students, result will be prepared on the basis of an "objective criterion." Any candidate who is not satisfied with marks allocated to him/her on this basis will be given an opportunity to sit in an exam as and when the conditions are conducive to hold the exams. Last year too CBSE had devised a new scheme for Class 10 students.

The decision has been taken in response to nationwide calls to cancel CBSE Board exams by the State Ministers and the students. Students had been campaigning online for the cancellation of exams. They were demanding cancellation of offline papers or a postponement for now.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 14th April 2021

Ugadi festival offer

Kalyan Jewellers announces Rs. 100 cr. worth of giveaways

Mysuru, Apr. 14- With the onset of the festive season, Kalyan Jewellers has announced exciting offers and mega discounts for its patrons to celebrate the occasion of Ugadi.

As part of this offer, the jewellery brand has announced Rs. 100 crore worth of giveaways in the form of unconditional gift vouchers. Marking the beginning of the New Year, the unique offer also includes up to 25% discount on the purchase of diamond jewellery as well as up to 20% discount on the purchase of uncut and precious stone jewellery.

With the making charges also known as value additions starting at 3% onwards, Kalyan Jewellers aims to add further delight to the customers' festive jewellery purchases. Moreover, for gold jewellery purchases the company has announced up to 50% off on VA or making charges. With regard to the Old Gold Exchange Offer, customers can extract maximum value on the exchange of old gold jewellery at Kalyan Jewellers with 0% deductions*. **The offer is valid until May 30, 2021** across all Kalyan Jewellers showrooms in the State of Karnataka.

Kalyan Jewellers' 4-Level Assurance Certification on gold jewellery is a special initiative to continue enhancing the brand's commitment towards offering the very best to its loyalists. While jewellery retailed at Kalyan Jewellers goes through multiple purity tests and are all BIS hallmarked, the 4-level assurance certificate promises customers payment on the value of purity mentioned in the invoice during exchange or resale. Also, it ensures free lifetime maintenance of ornaments at any of the brand's showrooms.

With the growing impetus on social distancing, Kalyan Jewellers has launched the LIVE video shopping facility (*https://www.kalyanjewellers.net/livevideoshopping/*) through which consumers can browse through the Kalyan Jewellers' jewellery collections.

For details on the brand's collections and offers, visit *https://www.kalyanjewellers.net/*

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The pandemic has forced more people to participate in the digital economy. More people have taken to digital channels to fulfill a variety of needs like purchasing groceries and accessing health services. Unfortunately, the number of personal data breaches from major digital service providers has increased worryingly in the same period. The recent alleged data breach at a digital company could stand to be India's biggest breach with the data of 9.9 crore users at risk. Robust data protection regimes are necessary to prevent such events and protect users' interests. Unfortunately, the existing data protection regime in India does not meet this standard. However, the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019, now under scrutiny by a Joint Parliamentary Committee, could play a big role in providing robust protections to users and their personal data. The time is ripe for India to have a robust data protection regime. The Joint Parliamentary Committee that is scrutinising the Bill has proposed 86 amendments and one new clause to the Bill — although the exact changes are not in the public domain. The Committee is expected to submit its final report in the Monsoon Session of Parliament in 2021. Taking this time to make some changes in the Bill targeted towards addressing various concerns in it could make a stronger and more effective data protection regime. — *Indradeep Ghosh and Srikara Prasad in The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

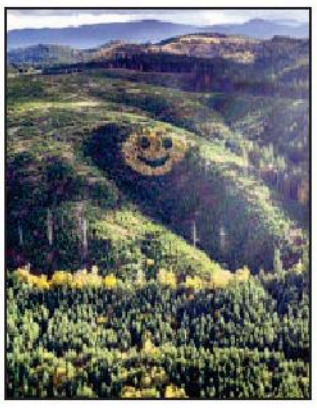
World's longest fingernails clipped at 288.8 inches

Texas : The holder of the Guinness World Record for longest fingernails on a pair of hands broke her own record one last time before cutting her nails for the first time in nearly 30 years.

Ayanna Williams of Texas first held the record in 2017, when her fingernails were measured at a total 226.9 inches and they were measured again before being cut and the new record stands at 288.8 inches. Williams' nails will now go on display at the Ripley's Believe It or Not! Orlando Odditorium in Florida.

"It's going to feel like it's a wax [sculpture] of myself. Even though it's just my nails, it's going to be awesome. I can't wait to see that," Williams told Guinness.

Giant smiley face on hill is made up of trees



Oregon: People Driving along Oregon Route 18 in the autumn months or early December are treated to a unique view that is sure to brighten their day – a giant smiley face looking back at them from forest-covered hillside.

Located at roughly mile 25 on Oregon Route 18, between Willamina and Grand Ronde, the now famous smiley face of Oregon makes its appearance every fall, as the color of the trees that make up its body start to change color. It is about 300 feet in diameter, and consists of two different types of conifers, one that changes color in autumn, and one that remains all year round. It has become a popular landmark in Oregon's rural Polk County, and should continue to put smiles on people's faces for the next 30-50 years, until the trees are ready to be harvested.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Hoarseness of voice persisting more than 2 weeks needs Laryngoscopy to rule out cancer.

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Consultant ENT, Head & Neck Surgeon &

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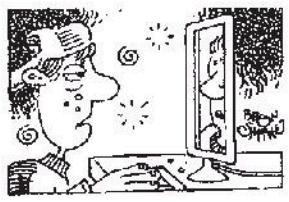

A University of Gothenburg study found that excessive time at the computer was linked to increased stress, sleep loss and depression. Shut down your computer at least an hour before bedtime.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	APR.12	APR.13
Day's Positive Cases	362	492
Total Positive Cases	58,573	59,065
Day's Discharges	303	184
Total Discharges	55,527	55,711
Day's Deaths	3	2
Total Deaths	1,086	1,088
Total Active Cases	1,960	2,266

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Learn krithis online

Mysuru, Apr. 14- Sri H. Yoganarasimham, a well-known scholar in Sanskrit, English and Philosophy, was a very competent musician and composer. He has composed nearly 40 krithis.

Ganabharathi, in its effort to popularise composers of Karnataka, is organising online classes based on some of his krithis. Well-known music teachers Vidushi Sukanya Prabhakar, Vidushi R. N. Srilatha and Vidwan Ballary Raghavendra will be part of this classes.

Vidushi Neeraja Achuta Rao, daughter and disciple and Vidushi M.A. Jyothi, grand-daughterof Yoganarasimham will also teach some krithis.

H. Yoganarasimham

These programmes will be available on YouTube and facebook pages of Ganabharathi. Scripts for all his krithis are available in book form on Ganabharathi webpage.

One krithi will be taught every Friday at 9 am from Apr. 16.

REALLY...?

- *An average-sized tree can provide wood enough to make 1,70,000 pencils.*
- *Rafflesia grows over three feet in diameter and is the largest flower in the world.*
- *Snapdragon flowers resemble a dragon and its mouth can open and close when it is squeezed from its sides.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A man was shocked to see his beautiful divorced neighbour knocking on his door one Friday evening.

She said: *"I'm feeling so lonely that I can't stand it. I want to go out, get drunk and enjoy my life. Are you free tonight?"* ***"Yes!" he replied, enthusiastically.***

She said: *"Wonderful. Then please take care of my kids !!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.17
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.71
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.46
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.94

VOICE OF THE READER

On PM Modi's visit to Bangladesh

Sir,

As per the report already published, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bangladesh is a success, but I feel that more mileage could have been achieved had the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) done more work in giving briefs to the PM about the liberation of Bangladesh, the sacrifices of our Army and all our countrymen, who pasted the Ps. 5 (paise 5) Refugee Relief Stamp on every article. This is contemporary history, after all PM Modi was around 21 years old in 1971.

A British journalist, Anthony Mascarenhas, who was sent by Pakistan to East Pakistan to give a favourable report, was horrified to see the genocide committed by the Pak forces and Razakars. He could not stay there but returned to London and filed a factual report, published in *The Sunday Times of London.* It exposed Pakistan's brutality and suppression of peaceful independent movement of Bangladesh. Democratic countries the world over did not support Pakistan, and instead supported Bangladesh.

The then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi signed a Friendship Treaty with Russia, and took a daring decision to attack Pakistani forces after consultations with the cabinet. The USA, under President Nixon, did not look at India in spite of Indira Gandhi's letter/appeal. India sheltered a lot of refugees from Bangladesh, who were spread over in West Bengal up to Calcutta, Assam and Tripura. India was spending nearly two crores per day for their rehabilitation.

Sheikh Mujibur Rehman, a leader of the Awami Party, who led an agitation to liberate then-East Pakistan, was arrested, taken to Pakistan and later released in London. He addressed a press meet, met the then PM of UK, Edward Heath, and was later provided a Royal Air Force jet plane to go to Dhaka.

India was the first country to recognise Bangladesh as a country in exile, and Sheikh Mujibur Rehman as the President in exile. Sheikh Mujibur Rehman first set foot on Indian soil at Palam Airport. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, President V.V. Giri and other cabinet colleagues welcomed him, befitting a Head of State. He was given an Inter Services Guard of Honour.

After much procrastination, and a strong warning from Gen. Manekshaw, then Chief of Army Staff, mentioning that the garrison of Pakistani Army in Dhaka is at artillery range, Pakistan forces finally surrendered on 15th December 1971. It was a great day and the happiest day for the General GOC-in-C Jagjit Singh Arora of the Eastern Command as he received the instrument of surrender from his counterpart, the defeated Pakistani Lt. Gen. A.A.K. Niazi.

—Capt. A.K. Char (Retd.)
on e-mail

V V Mohalla
4.4.2021

Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi is Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore City University

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (SBD&BCT)- Registrar of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore City University (earlier Bangalore Central University) that has an illustrious legacy of 160 years on the Central College Campus. The appointment was made by Governor Vajubhai R. Vala who is the Chancellor of Universities.

Prof. Gandhi has over 38 years of teaching, research and administrative experience at University level and has held substantive post in the University of Mysore since1987. Hailing from Department of Post-Graduate Studies and Research in English, University of Mysore (UoM), he also served as a Registrar of Mysore University.

He has served as the Registrar of Bangalore Central University and also was the Director, Directorate of Distance Education, UoM. He has served as the Director, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Board & Nodal Officer for RUSA and University Ranking Surveys and was the Director of College Development Council.

Prof. Gandhi has written five books and his publications have seen light in many international journals. In addition to English literature and language, his publications include on allied subjects such as journalism, society, culture and higher education.

Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi

Basically a student of journalism, Prof. Gandhi started his career as a reporter in *Star of Mysore* and now he has climbed up the ladder to be the VC of Bengaluru City University.

Speaking to *SOM* on his new responsibility, Prof. Gandhi said that Nobel Laureate C.V. Raman did his first experiment at the Central College that grew to Bangalore University and now trifurcated into three Universities — Bangalore University, Bangalore University (City) and Bangalore University (North).

He said that he has a vision of developing the Bangalore City University into an international University that is focussed on research. Many courses would be introduced and as the Varsity is located in the heart of Bengaluru, there are plans to tie-up with companies and professional bodies to introduce new streams of learning, he added.

Having a strong belief that Universities must produce quality teachers, Prof. Gandhi feels the ancient *Guru Parampara* must be introduced to younger generations as part of Indian culture.

Born on Nov. 14, 1959 to C. Kalegowda and Siddamma couple, Prof. Gandhi hails from Hagaranahalli Mantikoppalu village in Hunsur Taluk. Finishing his primary education at his village, Prof. Gandhi completed his PUC from K.R. Nagar Government PU College and then entered Maharaja's College for a degree in English, Journalism and Public Administration.

He did his PG from University of Mysore and as his family was poor, he had to do manual labour too when young to supplement the family income. He was greatly influenced by his father and learnt about Swami Vivekananda when he was in eighth standard.

On 'Gandhi' in his name, Prof Lingaraja Gandhi said that his father was a freedom fighter. "When my father admitted me to a school, my teacher Puttannaiah added 'Gandhi' to my name with the consent of my dad," he revealed.

Classes online but exams offline: Minister clarifies

Bengaluru, Apr. 14 (SSV)- Higher Education Minister and Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan has categorically said that in the academic year 2021-2022, the classes would be conducted online but the examination would not be held online.

Talking to reporters here on Monday, he said parents were putting forth demand to conduct the examination online. But it was not at all possible in the Government system. Examination had to be conducted offline. However, a few Deemed Varsities were getting prepared to hold the examination online. But this was not allowed in our system, he added.

The Minister said the examination time-table of Degree, post-graduation, diploma and engineering courses were affected due to KSRTC bus strike. The exams would begin after the bus strike ends.

Once COVID pandemic comes under control, offline classes will begin and students will have option to choose whether offline or online classes according to their convenience. However, attendance will be compulsory in one of them, he added.

AGM on Apr.18

Mysuru, Apr.14- The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Tulushivalli Madhwa Brahmana Mahamandala, having office at Krishnadhama in Saraswathipuram, will take place at 5 pm on Apr.18. The AGM will be presided over by Mahamandala President M.K. Krishnadas Puranik. All the members are requested to attend the meeting by adhering to COVID-19 protocol.

Objections invited

Mysuru, Apr.14- The Co-operation Department has proposed to cancel the Registration of Bandipalya Primary Agricultural Credit Co-operative Society and Maddur's Kallahalli Primary Agricultural Credit Co-operative Society, as per Section 72 of Karnataka Co-operative Societies Act,1959, for having ceased to function for long. The Department, after having proposed to cancel the Registration, has invited objections, if any, from the Society members or other members of the public, either in writing or in person, within 15 days, according to a press release from the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Mysuru.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Discourse

Swami Jnanayoganandaji will deliver a talk on 'Adhyatma Ramayana' at Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama premises in Yadavagiri at 6 pm tomorrow (Apr. 15).

Animal Adoption

The following individual has adopted a bird of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: G. Shivaji Rao Jadhav, Mysuru – Love Bird (Rs. 1,000), according to a press release from the Zoo Director.

Ph.D awardees

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Music to S.R. Nagaraj for his thesis 'Maharaja Swathi Thirunal Ramavarma mattu Maharaja Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar ravara Devi mattu Shivapara Kruthigala Sangetha-Sahitya-Tulanatmaka Adyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. R.N. Sreelatha.

Visvesvaraya Technological University has awarded Ph.D in Computer and Information Science to K.N. Ranjit for her thesis 'An Approach Towards Grading and Classification of Fruit Diseases' [Guide: Dr. C. Naveena]. Ranjit is presently serving as Trustee, Maharaja Education Trust, Mysuru and working as Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Maharaja Institute of Technology, Thandavapura.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	99.21	feet
Monday	:	99.67	feet
Inflow	:	158	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,105	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Monday	:	2,262.35	feet
Inflow	:	103	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,125	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,820.92	feet
Inflow	:	57	cusecs
Outflow	:	100	cusecs

DC warns Private Hospitals for not following COVID treatment protocol

● 4 deaths in February, 25 in March and 30 deaths till Apr. 12

Mysuru, Apr.14 (SSV)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri has warned of serious action against Private Hospitals if they are found not practicing COVID treatment protocol resulting in death of patients.

Chairing a meeting of representatives of Private Hospitals in city on Monday in the wake of rise in COVID-19 deaths in the district, the DC said the district had recorded 4 deaths in February and 25 deaths in March this year. However, this month 30 people have succumbed to this virus till Apr. 12. And shockingly, ten deaths were reported on one particular day, she said.

The DC said that it had come to her notice that three Private Hospitals had shifted critically ill patients to other hospitals and during this transit many deaths have occurred. This has been established in death audit.

"Don't admit critically ill patients if you do not have facilities to treat them. Even if you admit, make sure you refer such cases to other Private Hospitals or K.R. Hospital before the patient's condition goes worse. Don't refer such serious cases to District Hospital," she cautioned.

She advised them to shift the patients with all suitable references like line of treatment, test history and others as it would take time for the referred hospital to study and record everything before starting treatment. This would result in loss of Golden Hours to treat patients. This must not be allowed.

Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri chairing a meeting with managements and representatives of Private Hospitals and District Health officials on Monday following increase in COVID cases and deaths.

"In case of death, information must be shared with the District Administration on the same day. Death Audit must take place within 48 hours after death and then only it will reveal the real cause of death. The cause of death may be COVID or non-COVID, but citing real reason will help to ascertain the cause of death in Death Audit. If the patient had taken vaccine, even that should be mentioned in medical history sheet," she noted.

The DC also took strong note on the absence of representatives of a Private Hospital in the meeting, which had shifted a critically ill patient to another hospital without proper references and said that the District Administration has recorded the negligence of that hospital.

Dr. Udaykumar, Divisional Joint Director, Health and Family Welfare, Dr. T. Amarnath, District Health Officer, Dr. Shivaprasad, District Surveillance Officer, Dr. Mohammed Shiraz Ahmed, District Tuberculosis Officer and Nodal Officer for RT-PCR testing and issuing report, Dr. P. Ravi, Family Planning Office, Dr. L. Ravi, Reproductive and Child Health Officer and In-Charge of COVID-19 Vaccination in Government Hospitals and Dr. Rajeshwari, District Surgeon were present at the meeting.

All party leaders meeting on Apr. 18: CM

Bengaluru, Apr. 14- A meeting of leaders of all political parties will be held on Apr. 18 to discuss the current COVID-19 situation and regarding the tough measures to be taken in the wake of spike in Corona positive cases across the State.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the birth anniversary celebration of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at Vidhana Soudha this morning, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa said the Government would take all suggestions of Opposition party leaders to contain the pandemic.

Already, Corona night curfew has been imposed in seven cities since Apr. 10. It would be extended to some other cities, if required.

However, there was no question of having weekend lockdown or half-lockdown in any part of the State, the CM said.

Central Govt. fast-tracks approvals for foreign-produced COVID-19 vaccines

New Delhi, Apr. 14 (Agencies&SSV)- The Central Government has fast-tracked approvals for foreign-produced COVID-19 vaccines that have been granted emergency use authorisation in other countries. This has been done to expedite the pace and coverage of ongoing vaccination drive in India.

Calling vaccination as one of the critical pillars of COVID-19 control and management, the Government said that fast-tracking of approvals will facilitate easier access to foreign COVID-19 vaccines approved by credible foreign regulators.

The decision will pave the way for imports, fill and finish as well as production in India of those vaccines which have already been received such authorisation in other countries, the Centre said.

A meeting of National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) was held on Apr. 11, where the issue was discussed.

"The NEGVAC, after comprehensive deliberation, recommended that vaccines for COVID-19, which have been developed and are being manufactured in foreign countries and which have been granted emergency approval for restricted use by USFDA, EMA, UK MHRA, PMDA Japan or which are listed in WHO (Emergency Use Listing) may be granted emergency use approval in India," the Government said in a release.

The Centre, after due consideration, accepted the recommendation of NEGVAC, it added.

The Government also said that first 100 beneficiaries of such foreign vaccines will be assessed for seven days for safety outcomes before it is rolled out for further immunisation programme within the country.

This comes shortly after Russia's Sputnik V was approved by India's drug regulator Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) for emergency use. The regulator's subject expert committee on Monday recommended that there was enough data to support that the vaccine was fit to be used.

Presently, two COVID-19 vaccines — Covaxin by Bharat Biotech International Limited and AstraZeneca-Oxford University's Covishield by Serum Institute of India (SII) — have received emergency use authorisation (EUA) from the DCGI.

Meanwhile, the cumulative number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country has crossed 10.85 crore, the Union Health Ministry said on Tuesday.

A total of 10,85,33,085 vaccine doses have been administered through 16,08,448 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 am on Tuesday.

The nationwide inoculation drive began on Jan. 16 this year, with healthcare and frontline workers getting the vaccine shot in the first phase. The drive was later expanded to include those above the age of 60 and 45+ with comorbidities.

From Apr. 1, the Government opened the drive for everyone above the age of 45.

Library burnt down

MP Pratap Simha hands over cheque for rebuilding library

MCC, MUDA, Library Department to rebuild the library

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (MTY, MK & KS)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, on Monday, handed over a cheque for Rs. 50,000 to rebuild the library of Syed Isak at Rajivnagar 2nd Stage, which was destroyed in fire recently.

Speaking to press persons, Pratap Simha, condemning the incident, said that he had spoken with the City Police Commissioner to conduct a thorough probe into the incident and bring the culprits to book.

"We are with Syed Isak and BJP has extended all help to Syed, who had built the library on his own and looking after it since a decade," he said.

He further said that the library stood on a Civic Amenity (CA) site and added that he would speak with Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman and take steps to rebuild the burnt down library on the same spot.

MCC, MUDA Commissioners visit spot

Meanwhile, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shilpa Nag, who visited the spot, said that MCC, MUDA and Library Department have decided to rebuild the library of Syed which will be led by a Library Committee headed by the Mayor.

Continuing, she said that Syed would be given a Hon. Membership to the Committee and added that every donation being received to rebuild the library will be directed to the Committee. A separate account will be opened and steps will be taken to construct the new library structure at the same spot.

"Already there is a library in Udayagiri and there is a proposal for another one. Along with these, the burnt library will be rebuilt on the samea spot and steps will be taken to allow Syed to maintain it. A discussion in this regard was held with the officials of MUDA and the Department of Libraries," Shilpa Nag said.

MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh said that the land, where the burnt down library stood is a CA site belonging to MUDA, which has been allotted to an organisation long time back.

He further said, the documents of the CA site will be examined and if the organisation has violated any norms, the land would be taken back and the library will be constructed on the same site.

Syed, who also spoke said that a Kannada Library should come up on the same spot. "I do not want a name. I will extend my co-operation to rebuild the library which will be helpful for Kannada readers. But it should not remain as an assurance, steps should be taken to rebuild the burnt down library. As of now, many are donating for rebuilding the library," Syed said.

Former Mayor Ayub Khan, who also spoke, said that there was a power transformer next to the library and a sofa making shop next to it. "Maybe sparks from the transformer may have fallen on the waste dumped near the library which could have resulted in the library getting destroyed in the fire," he added.

Pointing out that Syed was running the library since many years and no one had any problem with it, Ayub Khan said that the incident was being given many colours and many were giving various statements. "The library should be rebuilt and the issue should be solved at the earliest. Steps should be taken to maintain the law and order situation," he said.

Meanwhile, the residents said that they would join hands to rebuild the library. They suggested that a computer training centre, digital library and a separate wing for competitive exam training be opened along with the library.

Hundreds of books were handed over to Syed Isak by Kuvempu Mobile Library on the occasion.

Department of Libraries Deputy Director B. Manjunath. Library Committee Vice-President Yashodha and others were present.

COVID-19 guidelines violation

Cops seek Court's permission to book case against hotel cashier

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (KS)- Devaraja Police have sought the Court's permission to register a case against the cashier of a hotel for violating COVID-19 guidelines issued by the Government.

Following the rapid spread of COVID-19 second wave in the State, the Government had issued various guidelines such as wearing face masks, maintaining social distancing etc. to be followed compulsorily to prevent the spread of the deadly virus.

On Apr. 12, during inspection, the Police found that the COVID-19 guidelines were violated at a hotel on D. Devaraja Urs Road and hence have sought permission from the Court to register case against the hotel cashier, according to a press release.

Former Ministers oppose any move to privatise Transport Corporations

Bengaluru, Apr. 14 (KMS & DM)- Former Ministers and senior Congress leaders Ramalingareddy and H.M. Revanna have opposed any moves to privatise the four State-run Transport Corporations — KSRTC, BMTC, NWKRTC and NEKRTC — in the wake of the ongoing indefinite strike by employees who have sought fulfilment of their various demands, including salary as per the Sixth Pay Commission.

Speaking to press persons at Benglauru on Monday, Ramalinga Reddy and H.M. Revanna, who both had held Transport portfolio in the Congress Government earlier, maintained that the Transport employees did not resort to any strike when the two were in-charge of the portfolio. But now, thanks to the indifference of Dy.CM Laxman Savadi, who holds the Transport portfolio, the employees have resorted to an indefinite strike, with the Government neither holding talks nor responding to their demands.

Urging the Govt. not to give false promises to employees, they said, the Government should have taken a firm stand when the employees had launched a similar strike in December last. Contending that the CM and Transport Minister had failed to understand the very idea behind the State-run Transport service, the former Minister duo alleged that the Govt. was purposefully ignoring the strike in order to privatise Public Transport in stages. Asserting that such moves are not wise, taking into consideration the interests of the common man, they demanded that the Government should take the strike seriously and put an end it to it immediately.

Referring to the spike in COVID cases, the former Ministers blamed lack of co-ordination between Ministers in the B.S. Yediyurappa Cabinet and the failure of Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar for the sudden spurt in the pandemic. They also questioned the Government's plans to contain the spread of the pandemic.

Obituary

Varalakshmamma

Mysuru, Apr. 14- Varalakshmamma (72), wife of late P. Madhu and a resident of Paduvarahalli, passed away last night in city.

She leaves behind a son, three daughters, daughter-in-law, sons-in-law and grandchildren. Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

H.M. Hanumanthappa

H.M. Hanumanthappa (42), an advocate and a resident of Gandhinagar, passed away on Monday in city. He leaves behind his wife, one son and one daughter.

Hanumanthappa also served as a legal advisor to various organisations. Last rites were performed at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage.

Ex-Servicemen to take out padayatra seeking allotment of land near Hunsur

Mysuru, Apr.14 (PM&DM)- The Akhila Karnataka Ex-Servicemen Association has urged the Government to distribute 5,000 acres of land earmarked near Rathnapuri in Hunsur taluk to all Ex-Servicemen.

Addressing a press meet here on Monday, Association's State President Dr. N.K. Shivanna said that a padayatra will be taken out from Mysuru to Rathnapuri in Hunsur taluk in order to press the Government for distribution of the said land.

Pointing out that the Government had reserved 5,000 acres of land near Rathnapuri in 1969 for distribution among Ex-Servicemen, Dr. Shivanna said that there are over 4,000 Ex-Servicemen in Mysuru district and the Government should take immediate measures for land distribution.

Blaming the State Government of neglecting Ex-Servicemen, he opposed the Government's decision to extend the transfer period of Ex-Servicemen serving in Police Department from the present three years to seven years, as this move would deprive them of staying with their family. He also urged the Government to announce a reservation quota for Ex-Servicemen at all levels of elections.

Akhila Karnataka Ex-Servicemen Association State President Dr. N.K. Shivanna seen addressing a press meet at Patrakartha Bhavan in city on Monday as Association District Vice-President Neelakanta Kumarashetty, District President K.P. Diwakar, District General Secretary H.S. Nanjundaswamy and District Vice-President M.K. Annegowda look on.

Noting that 60 Ex-Servicemen are serving in the Security section of CFTRI in Mysuru, Dr. Shivanna alleged that each Ex-Servicemen who was being paid monthly wages of Rs.26,000 under DGR payment system earlier, are now being paid only Rs.18,000 as Security services have been outsourced. Urging the Government to revert back to DGR payment system, he warned of an agitation if the Government failed to do so.

Association's District Unit President K.P. Diwakar, in his address, said that the State Government has sanctioned Rs.1.46 crore for building War Memorial near the Deputy Commissioner's Office in the city, out of which Rs.50 lakh has already been released. But there seems to be no development regarding construction activities at the site, he maintained. He also urged for hiking Ex-Servicemen reservation quota in Government jobs from the existing 10 percent to 20 percent.

Call to youths to join 37 Coorg Medium Regiment

AGM of T. Shettigeri Ex-Servicemen Association held

Veteran Non-Commissioned Officer of Indian Army (EME) and President of T. Shettigeri Ex-Servicemen Association Kattera Vishwanath addressing during the AGM as Hon. Legal Advisor and Veteran Sergeant M.N. Subramani and Secretary U.S. Ganapathy look on.

Mysuru, Apr.14 - The 9th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of T. Shettigeri Ex-Servicemen Association, Kodagu (Coorg) District, was held at its auditorium on Apr. 11.

Association President Kattera Vishwanath presided over the AGM which discussed about Ex-Servicemen Welfare.

Hon. Legal Advisor of the Association and Veteran Sergeant of Indian Air Force (IAF) Mandetira N. Subramani, while addressing the gathering, urged the members to motivate and train youths in the neighbourhood in Kodagu to join the Indian Army as officers or as combatant soldiers depending on their educational qualification and serve the country more meaningfully, besides taking up a challenging career in the Army.

Speaking on the existence of **37 Coorg Medium Regiment,** he said Coorg Regiment in the Army is certainly pride for Karnataka. He said that even though the Coorg Regiment prominently displays the insignia of Kodagu, that is *Odi Kathi* and *Peeche Kathi* (traditional Kodava weapons) in all the sports track suits too and celebrates the two major festivals such as *Puthari* and *Kailpodh*, it is surprising to note that there is no significant representation of Coorg Officers, Jawans and JCOs in Coorg Regiment as of now.

Subramani also urged the President of the Association, an Ex-Non Commissioned Officer of the Army, Kattera Vishwanath, who served in Corps of EME, to approach the Chief of Army Staff through an appeal in writing to post a few willing young officers, JCOs and Jawans among Coorgs who are already serving in the Army in different artillery regiments to 37 Coorg Medium Regiment to make the Coorg Regiment more meaningful and also conduct recruitment rallies in Kodagu frequently.

He said that T. Shettigeri Ex-Servicemen Association is the only Association in Kodagu and Mysuru region which has its own land and building presently valued at Rs. 60 lakh and the required funds have been generated through donation exclusively from the members of Association.

Association President Kattera Vishwanath, who has already donated over Rs. 10 lakh in stages, advised the members to get their permanent residential address changed in the Army Records if they have changed their permanent place of residence to a different place from the address they had given at the time of enrolment in the Army.

He also advised them to get their wife's name and birth of their children documented through publishing Non-Effective Part-II Order and get the same documented in the Army Records if they married after retirement from the Army or birth of children took place after retirement.

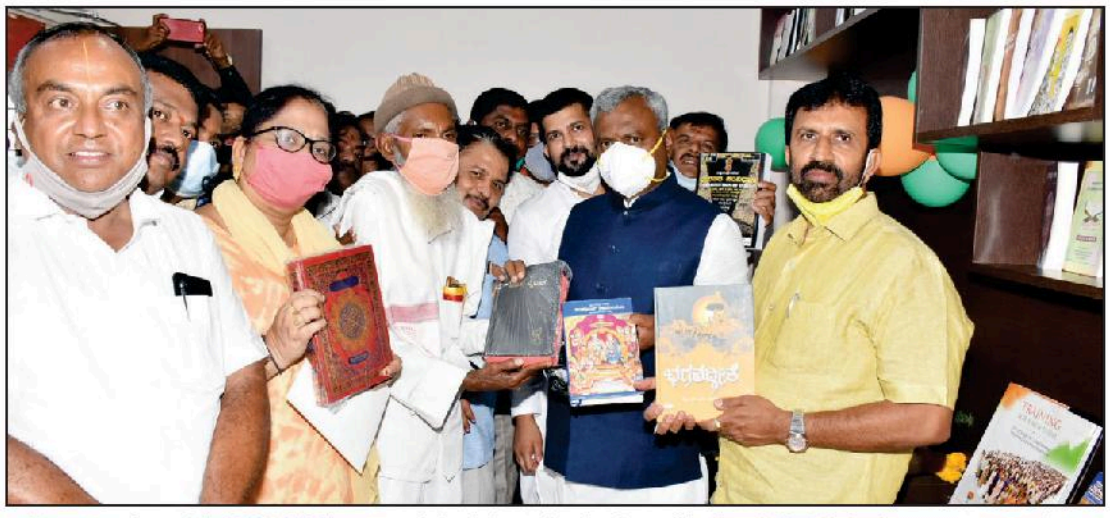
The members unanimously elected Kattera Vishwanath and his team of other office-bearers for another term of three years.

Changulanda Ashwini Sathish rendered the invocation. Secretary Uluvangada S. Ganapathy welcomed. Joint Secretary Appachangada Motaiah compered. Meederira Suresh proposed a vote of thanks.

Coorg Regiment on the way to Tsomgo Lake.

Syed Isak inaugurates Library at BJP Office

District Minister hands over Rs. 25,000 to rebuild burnt library



Mysuru, Apr. 14 (RKB&KS)- Following a call given by the State BJP Unit to establish library at the BJP Offices in all District Headquarters, a library and a public helpline centre was opened at City BJP Office in Chamarajapuram this morning.

The library was inaugurated by Syed Isak, whose library was gutted in a fire on Friday last.

Speaking after inaugurating the library, Syed, referring to the birthday of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar today said that the day is known as 'Knowledge Day'. Turning emotional, he said "My library was destroyed five times and God will punish those who did it. One library is equal to 10 temples as it spreads knowledge and everyone should cultivate the habit of reading good books."

City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa said that the Party library houses books on Indian Constitution, Indian History, great leaders of the country, social subjects, books for political workers, Ayurveda, home remedies, religious books etc. and added that anyone could walk in to the library and read the books but cannot take the books. An e-library would be opened in future, he said. Srivatsa said that those who want to air their grievances or give suggestions can utilise the services of helpline centre which would forward the same to the concerned Minister, MP, MLA, Corporator or others.

On the occasion, District Minister S.T. Somashekar donated books and Rs. 25,000 cash to Syed Isak. He also gave Ramayana, Mahabharata, Bible and Quran copies to the library opened in the BJP Office. MP Pratap Simha, MLA L. Nagendra, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, former Minister C.H. Vijayashankar, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy and others were present.

KSRTC strike enters 8th day, bus services improving

Mysuru, Apr.14 (MTY&DM)- The KSRTC City and Rural Divisions have started operating more buses with workers reporting for duty in a trickle as in the past couple of days, even as the indefinite strike launched by employees of the four State-run Transport Corporations seeking fulfilment of their various demands, entered the eighth straight day today.

Today, the City KSRTC Division operated over 200 buses on city routes while the Rural Division operated more than 50 buses in the first few hours from the Sub-Urban Bus Stand. KSRTC authorities are hopeful that more staff will report back for duty and with it, the services will improve.

Dr. Ambedkar Jayanthi celebrated in city

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (PM&DM)- Marking Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanthi celebrations in city, District Minister S.T. Somashekar, officials and elected representatives garlanded the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in Town Hall premises at a programme jointly organised by the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat (ZP), Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Social Welfare Department this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Somashekar said that today is 130th birth anniversary of Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, who is the Architect of the Indian Constitution.

Noting that the Jayanthi is being celebrated in a simple and symbolic manner due to COVID-19 crisis, he said that Democracy stands deep-rooted in India due to Dr. Ambedkar's constitution.

Pointing out that the Indian Constitution has earned global attention, Somashekar said that the Non-Congress Government in 1990 posthumously awarded *Bharat Ratna* to Dr. Ambedkar in 1990.

Recalling Dr. Ambedkar's struggles for the downtrodden, he underlined the role of the Architect of the Indian Constitution for granting reservation in education and jobs for oppressed sections of the society.

Referring to the burning down of Syed Ishaq's library at Shantinagar, Somashekar said that he has discussed the issue with Police authorities and the Government will bring the culprits to book, no matter how big they are.

He further said, he has instructed the Police to ensure that such incidents do not recur in the future.

Replying to a query on allegations that clubs involving money are coming up increasingly across the city, the Minister said that he has directed the Police to take serious note of the issue.

Referring to COVID-19 control measures in the district, the District Minister said that the District Administration had sought 5 lakh vaccines. But the district has so far received 1.5 lakh vaccines and is expecting 3.5 lakh more vaccines in the coming days, which is enough to vaccinate all eligible people in the district.

Maintaining that the District Administration has taken all necessary measures to contain the spread of the deadly pandemic, he said that the DC will act on the suggestions given by the Experts Committee, which recently visited Mysuru.

Replying to a query on the undue delay in the completion of Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan that is coming up in the heart of the city, Somashekar said following a representation by Social welfare Minister B. Sriramulu seeking more funds, the Finance Department has sought clarification on some points regarding the Bhavan. The District Administration will soon submit the sought clarifications to the Finance Department and seek additional funds for the completion of the Bhavan, he added.

MLAs L. Nagendra, S.A. Ramdas and B. Harshavardhan, MP Pratap Simha, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, SP C.B. Ryshyanth, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, Mayor Rukmini Madegowda and other officials and people representatives were present.

In separate events, a host of Congress and JD(S) leaders too garlanded the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

Marking Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanthi celebrations in city, District Minister S.T. Somashekar, officials and elected representatives garlanded the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at the Town Hall premises in city this morning.

As part of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanthi celebrations, Yuva Sanghatane Okkuta of Adi Karnataka Maha Samsthe, Ashokapuram, took out a procession in the area this morning. The procession featured a huge tableau with Dr. Ambedkar statue in the front, which was created by artist Gopal. Picture below shows the huge gathering during the procession.

No Heli-Tourism Project

(Continued from page 1)

During his visit to the Lalitha Mahal area on Monday, MP Pratap Simha took the Tourism Department officials to task and termed the Heli-Tourism project — without a proper vision document and a revenue model — a publicity stunt.

He had particularly asked the officials whether Mysuru District Minister Somashekar was aware of such a project that causes massive destruction of trees. The MP had insisted that the Government should not go against public opinion.

Public hearing

The public hearing of the Forest Department will be held at Aranya Bhavan, Ashokapuram from 11 am on Apr. 23 and the public can file their objections during the hearing. Objections could also be submitted through e-mail ***(dcfmdm@gmail.com)*** so as to reach the authorities before 11 am on Apr. 23.

The written objections may also be sent to the Assistant Conservator of Forest, Mysuru Division, Aranya Bhavan, First Floor, Ashokapuram, 6th Cross, Mysuru - 570008.

Siddharamaiah opposes

Former Chief Minister and the current leader of Congress Legislature Party in the Assembly Siddharamaiah too has opposed the Heli-Tourism project that will lead to cutting of trees.

In a tweet on Monday, he said that the State Government must drop the project as it causes damage to the environment. "I stand with the people of Mysuru who have opposed the Heli-Tourism project," he tweeted.

In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka talks about turtles, their habitat & compatibility with fish

Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

What kind of an aquarium can I provide my turtle?

It's NOT your turtle. You are in illegal possession and I suggest that you make every effort to release it before someone tips off the wildlife authorities in your area. They require a habitat with plenty of clean water for swimming, as well as dry land where they can rest, hide and bask in the sun. A tank that can hold at least 40 gallons should give your pet turtle an adequate amount of room to move around in. Both terrestrial and aquatic turtles need to bask.

They need 80% water and 20% land. Make sure they get submerged fully in water and have the luxury to swim around. You'll need a basking area with UVB lights, if the enclosure is not getting direct sunlight, they need at least 8 hours of sunlight and 12 hours maximum.

Appropriate ambient temperature management is essential. So, provide ambient temperature of 26 to 30 degree Celsius. Regular change of water should be done, otherwise fungal and bacterial disease will flare up, which is common in turtles.

Water depth should be at least 1.5 times the length of the turtle shell. Photoperiod of 12-12 hours should be maintained. (12 hours day and 12 hours night).

In order to reduce selective feeding, offer food blended together in mixtures. Various ingredients can be mixed like vitamins, minerals. Don't feed oxalate rich stuffs like spinach, cabbage and beet greens as it will lead to hypothyroidism (hormonal disorder). They require high cholesterol content in their diet for proper metabolism. So, provide cholesterol-rich food in the diet.

Encourage natural foraging and the use of wild picked weeds and grasses. Other pet food, like dog food, cat food, are unsuitable for turtles.

Can I house the turtle along with fish in my aquarium?

Turtles are not compatible with fishes, as they will try to hunt the fishes. Certain sizes and types of fishes are never safe in the same tank with a turtle. For example, guppies and goldfishes are never compatible with turtles. Putting such fishes along with a turtle will create a total disaster. But why do you want to create so much stress for fish.

Another important thing to consider when keeping turtles and fishes together is the space. Turtles can grow very large when they are adult. A typical water turtle, like red-eared slider, can reach 10 to 12 inches long. So, you need to keep in mind that if the tank is too small, it will create territorial problems among the turtle and fishes. So, if you are planning to keep turtles and fishes together, try to go for at least an 100-gallon tank.

Apart from extra space, provide plentiful hiding spots and visual barriers, and ensure that all captives are very well fed. Always use a very large habitat when keeping multiple animals together, irrespective of the species involved. Whereas a single red ear slider may thrive in a 55- or 75-gallon habitat, two turtles should have at least 100 gallons of space, and 200 would be much better. The extra space keeps the animals from being forced into constant contact, which can cause stress. Additionally, it's important to break up the cage with various hiding spots and visual barriers so a submissive animal can escape a dominant one.

Can turtles survive in filthy tanks? How can I clean the tank?

Red-eared sliders and other aquatic turtles spend a lot of time in the water, so clean water is essential. Turtles also defecate in their water, so maintaining good water quality can be a challenge. Cloudy and smelly water in a turtle tank is a common problem, but even water that looks clean can harbour waste products, such as ammonia and nitrites, that can build up to harmful levels. Maintaining good water quality is an important aspect of keeping turtles healthy. As waste products in the tank break down, ammonia is formed, which is potentially toxic and can be dangerous to turtles even at low levels.

Water quality and cleanliness are easier to maintain in a larger tank. In a smaller amount of water, the waste products are more concentrated. With a larger tank, waste matter and its by-products are diluted. In a larger tank, partial water changes are more practical for maintaining consistent water quality, rather than having to change a large proportion (or all) of the water in a smaller tank. A general guideline often quoted is 10 gallons per inch of turtle. There are several options for filters, Choose a filter rated for two to three times the size of your turtle tank. For instance, if you have a 20-gallon tank, choose a filter rated for 60 gallons, even if the tank is not full. Filters with several different levels for removing waste matter as well as by-products are recommended (mechanical, biological and chemical filtration).

Regularly take out part of the water and replace it with fresh water. This removes and dilutes waste products. The frequency of partial changes, and how much water you need to change out, will vary depending on factors, including the size of the turtles, the size of the tank, the filter, and whether you feed in the tank. Frequent partial water changes (weekly or perhaps two to three times a week if necessary) will do. Turtles have lungs and breathe air like people do, so some keepers don't bother aerating their tanks to put air in the water. But aeration helps keep the water healthy by discouraging the growth of anaerobic bacteria. An aquarium air pump and an air stone will help keep your turtle's water cleaner.

One way to reduce the amount of waste you need to manage in the tank is to feed your turtle in a separate container. Try a plastic tub. Using water from the tank is an easy way to make sure the temperature of the water is warm enough; just replace the water taken out for feeding with fresh water (and you've done a partial water change at each feeding). This eliminates the problem of excess food decaying in the tank, and turtles often go to the bathroom shortly after eating, so the amount of turtle waste accumulating in the tank is reduced as well. Then you can just clean and sanitise the lightweight feeding container after each feeding. But all this is temporary until the turtle is released.

Spot me if you can...

The pleasures of watching birds come to light during change of seasons and more so during spring when the trees shed their leaves. Here is an image of not 1 but 2 Spotted Owlets camouflaged perfectly in the colours of spring. Owls have always been considered as bad omen but this particular species of Owl (Athene brama) has been named after a Hindu God and Greek Goddess. They are difficult to spot due to their small size (19-21 cm) but have a loud and harsh call mainly during early dawn or after sunset. They prey on small insects, lizards and mice.

—H.S. Sreeranjini, Sharadadevinagar 1st Stage

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Interaction with Achievers

Mysore Art Gallery felicitates danseuse Srilakshmi Kumar

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (YDS&SD)- Mysore Art Gallery had organised its monthly 'Interaction with Achievers' programme at the Gallery premises on Ramanuja Road here recently.

T.S. Srilakshmi Kumar, who participated in the event, shared her thoughts, experiences and achievements as a dancer. An established dancer of Mysuru, Srilakshmi Kumar is the daughter and disciple of Kalashree late T.N. Somashekhar. Danseuse Srilakshmi Kumar was later felicitated on the occasion.

Speaking after felicitating the artiste, writer Bannur K. Raju bemoaned that learning Indian classical dance has now become a prestige issue for a few rich families. "People have started to spend lakhs of rupees for Rangapravesha (Arangetram). It has become a matter of pride and prestige for many rich families. Srilakshmi Kumar really stands apart in this regard. She has been training talented students and creating awareness about the rich tradition of Indian classical dance in a true sense. Indian classical dance forms such as Bharatanatyam is nothing but a cultured, highly skilled and beautiful medium to express devotion."

Mysore Art Gallery President L. Shivalingappa, Secretary Dr. Jamunarani Mirle, Convenor Srikantamurthy, art critic Rama V. Bennur and others were present.

Sikyong Dr. Lobsang Sangay felicitated in Bylakuppe

Bylakuppe, Apr. 14 (Rajesh)- In his penultimate leg of the official farewell tour, Sikyong Dr. Lobsang Sangay, the President of Central Tibetan Administration, attended the public felicitation function organised by Lugsam and Delar Tibetan Settlement in Bylakuppe on Apr. 6.

Prior to his meeting with the general public at Phodrang ground, Dr. Sangay called on His Eminence the 104th Ganden Tripa at the latter's residence.

During the short meeting, Dr. Sangay briefed His Eminence of the major projects accomplished by his Cabinet over the last ten years. His Eminence, in his response, offered appreciation and good wishes to Sikyong and urged him to continue to be of service to the Tibetan people.

In his address to the general public, Sikyong talked about a range of issues relating to his two-term tenure as the Sikyong of the Central Tibetan Administration particularly highlighting the passage of the Tibet Policy and Support Act 2021.

He pointed out the significance of the Bill in acknowledging the Central Tibetan Administration and the Sikyong as the legitimate representative of Tibetans, giving Tibet recognition at par with the rest of the countries.

"Today, the Tibet Policy and Support Act of 2021 has given a renewed global spotlight to the Tibet issue," Sikyong said.

Dr. Sangay also remarked that his Cabinet was able to achieve significant milestones despite uncertainties and fear cast over his Cabinet when Dr. Sangay took the political leadership following His Holiness the Dalai Lama's relinquishing of his power to the elected leadership in 2011.

"His Holiness at the time of my oath-taking ceremony expressed the fulfilment of his long-cherished desire. Today, looking back at the last ten years and as I near the completion of my 2nd term as the Sikyong, I think I have fulfilled the long-cherished desire of His Holiness," Sikyong remarked adding that his administration has overcome challenges in regard to education, finance, political leverage, culture, welfare, and infrastructural development. He contended that he is proud to pass on the mantle of CTA leadership to the next Sikyong.

Mysuru Jail Superintendent calls for stricter implementation of Violence Against Women Act

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (PM&DM)- Stressing on the need for implementing the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in a more stricter manner in order to bring down crimes against women, Mysuru Central Jail Superintendent K.C. Divyashri observed that a person should be judged by personality rather than gender.

She was speaking at the International Women's Day organised by Mysore Bar Association at the District Law Courts premises here recently.

Noting that it is common to see action taken after violent incidents happen, Divyashri said that pre-emptive actions will be more effective in tackling atrocities against women.

Observing that the celebration of International Women's Day will inspire women to achieve something big in their life, she said that problems should be converted into opportunities. She further said that appropriate use of opportunities and openings will help in building our confidence.

Stressing on the need for practicing gender equality, Divyashri said that just like the saying that a woman is there behind every successful man, the co-operation of man too is an important factor in the success of a woman. The role of man and woman is vital for a healthy and progressive society, she added.

Earlier, Principal District and Sessions Court Judge Ramachandra D. Huddar, who spoke after inaugurating the event, said that the happiness in an extended family cannot be experienced anywhere.

The tendency of parents to get their daughter married off to a family that has no In-laws (Mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law etc.) is not a good development, he added.

Judge Huddar also called upon the parents to keep their children away from social media networks, TVs and other distracting networks. He further said that it is important for every person to respect elders in their homes and other places.

Karnataka Bar Council Member B.R. Chandramouli, Mysore Bar Association President S. Anandkumar, Vice-President S.G. Shivannegowda, Secretary B. Shivanna and others were present.

Shabe-e-Barath celebrated in city

Mysuru, Apr. 14 (KS)- Masjid-e-Azam Markaz Ahle Sunnath-wo-Jamath on Ashoka Road in city had organised Shabe-e-Barath (Night of Forgiveness) celebration in city recently. Special prayers were held the whole night during which Muslim brethren offered Isha Salath prayers. Hazarath Moulana Mufti Shamshul Huda Samadhi Khateeb Masjid performed Imamath of Isha Salath and delivered a lecture on Fazilath Shabe-e-Barath.

On the occasion, three students — Hafiz Syed Mohd. Faizan, Hafiz Syed Mohd. Sadiq and Hafiz Syed Irfan — of city, who passed Hufaz course at Azam Arabic College were felicitated by the Management Committee of Masjid, Arabic College office bearers and staff.

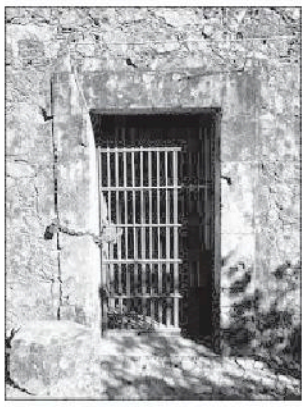
For the first time, Sunni Ulmas Mysurean Hazarath Moulana Mufti Mohd. Rouman Razvi Saheb completed Arabic Mufti course. Hazarath Moulana Mufti Shamshul Huda Samadhi, Principal of Azam Arabic College, spoke on activities conducted from 2010 till 2021. S.M. Syed Shafeeq Razvi compered.

Hundreds of people including Meena Bazar Merchant Association Ilyas Baig, social worker Mirza Jamsheed Baig Ashrafi and others were present.

Seen are** (from left) **Abdul Shacoor, Shakil Ahmed Khan, students Hafiz Mohd. Faizan, Hafiz Syed Mohd. Sadiq and Hafiz Syed Irfan, Hazarath Moulana Mufti Mohd. Shamshul Huda Samadhi, Chief Qazi, Alhaj Abdul Hameed, Moulana Fasiulla Warsi, Khateeb, Jyothi Nagar Masjid, Moulana Mufti Mohd. Rouman Razvi, Moulana Abdulla Nayeemi Syed Jameel Khadree, S.M. Syed Shafeeq Razvi and others.

WORD OF THE DAY

Hoosegow



Pronunciation: HOOSS-gow.
Meaning: US, informal + humorous : jail
Origin: In Spanish, juzgado means "panel of judges, courtroom." The word is based on the Spanish past participle of juzgar, meaning "to judge," which itself was influenced by Latin judicare—a combination of jus, "right, law," and dicere,"to decide, say." When English speakers of the American West borrowed juzgado, they recorded it the way they heard it: hoosegow. They also associated the word specifically with the jail that was usually in the same building as a courthouse. Today, hoosegow has become slang for any place of confinement for lawbreakers.

Example: "Lee Young-ae stars as a woman released from prison after serving time for a murder she didn't commit; no sooner is she out of the hoosegow than she begins her quest to hunt down the real murderers." — G. Allen Johnson, *The San Francisco Chronicle,* 6 Oct. 2020

THE ODD WORD

Habanera

Slow and seductive Cuban dance.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Head over heels

Meaning: To have/feel a romantic interest in someone; Someone that had a bad fall (example, he fell head over heels down the stairs).
Origin: By the looks of it, this phrase has an older, inverted form that goes "heels over head." This inverted form referred to someone who had fallen down. For example, in the London Annual Register newspaper, printed on January, 1766, it reads: "Being thrown with great vehemence from a projecting crag, which turned him heels over head, he fell down perpendicular upwards of fifty yards into a snow drift at the boot of a cliff, where he lay above half an hour before his companions could get to him to take him up."
According to the website World Wide Words, it was by the end of the 18th century that this idiom changed from the inverted version, to "head over heels," the one people are familiar with today. This newer version referred to someone who had fallen, not on the ground, but in love. An example of this comes from a book titled *A Narrative of the Life of David Corckett,* 1834:
"I soon found myself head over heels in love with this girl."
In short, this expression is at least 244 years old.

QUOTE BOX

I don't know who invented high heels, but all women owe him a lot!

—Marilyn Monroe

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Music box.

SUDOKO

4						2	7	
		3						6
	9		5	7				
					2	4		1
			6		7			
5		2	9					
				3	8		1	
6						5		
	1	9						7

Answer to previous puzzle

1	3	7	6	8	4	2	9	5
8	5	4	1	9	2	6	3	7
2	6	9	3	7	5	1	4	8
6	1	3	8	4	9	5	7	2
5	9	2	7	3	6	8	1	4
4	7	8	5	2	1	9	6	3
9	4	5	2	6	3	7	8	1
3	8	1	9	5	7	4	2	6
7	2	6	4	1	8	3	5	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

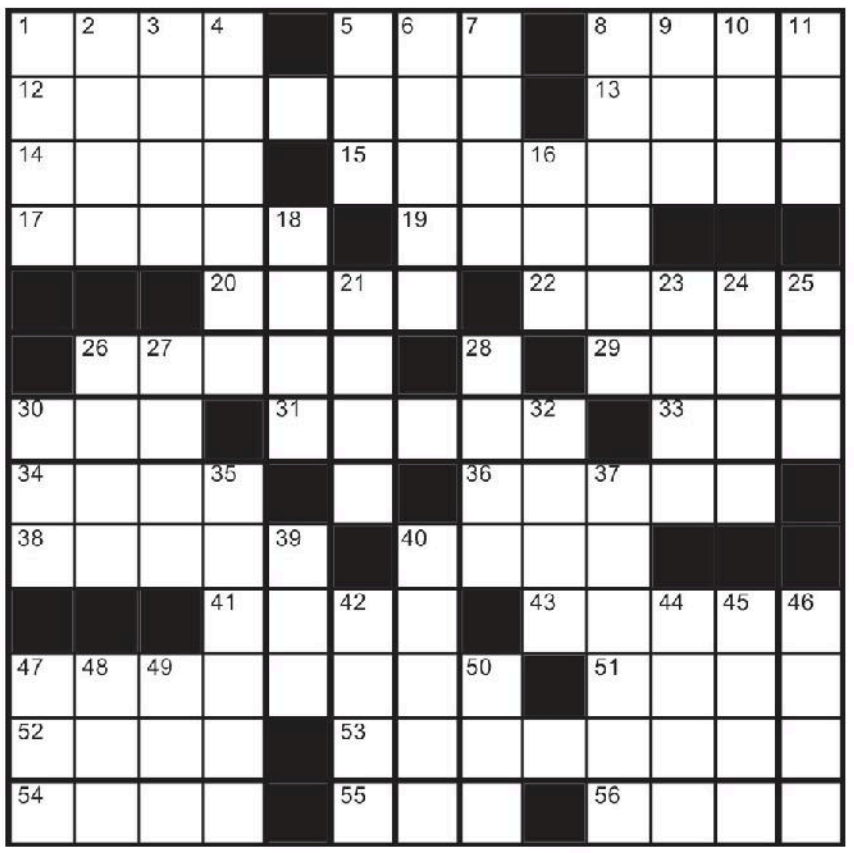
1 System of bidding in Bridge
5 Reverence or respect
8 Tributary of Ganges
12 Shell fragments
13 Khomeni's land
14 Small island
15 Over whole 12 months
17 More or less vertical
19 Tie securely
20 Barbecue entree
22 American coins
26 Regretful
29 Rapid surprise attack
30 Besides
31 Venomous snake
33 1051 in Roman numerals
34 Lawman Wyatt
36 Warble
38 Video game pioneer
40 Become faint
41 Copycat
43 Edible bulb
47 Aromatic herb
51 "Last Days of Pompeii" role
52 Privy to (2,2)
53 Charms
54 Inkling
55 Intl. Cricket Council
56 Its capital is Vientiane

MONDAY'S ANSWER

B	R	E	T		B	O	A	R		D	I	E
O	U	Z	O		O	A	H	U		J	A	L
T	E	R	N		S	T	A	N	D	O	F	F
A	D	A	G	I	O	S		W	O	K		
			U	R	N		L	A	G	O	O	N
S	L	E	E	K		H	A	Y		V	A	C
H	A	N	S		H	A	G		T	I	T	O
I	M	C		C	O	T		L	O	C	H	S
A	B	R	O	A	D		E	M	U			
		O	W	N		D	I	S	G	U	S	T
S	C	A	L	A	W	A	G		H	E	L	I
K	B	C		P	I	T	H		E	L	A	N
A	S	H		E	T	A	T		N	E	T	T

DOWN

1 Ms Parekh or Mrs. Bhosle
2 Cut into pieces
3 Shield or heraldic border
4 Actress Hedy
5 One or other
6 7 day periods
7 Dash, verve
8 Working order ?
9 Spanish gold
10 "S" in SF the city
11 Present participle suffix ?
16 Legendary bird
18 Enterprise captain
21 A cow-shed
23 Appellation or title
24 Cash register
25 Star Wars, initially
26 Bench or pew
27 Other in Spanish, "rota" anagram?
28 Ms Mirza of Bollywood
30 Affirmative reply
32 Commotion
35 Enlightenment
37 Disavowal
39 BSE deal
40 Former French coin
42 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba ? (3,1)
44 St. Columba's island in Scotland
45 I am _ _ it : I am aware of it? (2,2)
46 Loch ___ : Scottish monster lake?
47 1002 in Roman numerals
48 In addition
49 Fish eggs
50 Roman 1200



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UD LCE FVX'G MOKZVUX UG TUSKZL,

LCE BCX'G EXBMYTGVXB UG RMZZ MXCENJ.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS C

Monday's Cryptoquip: There is only one success - to be able to spend your life in your own way.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
Kode Muruga (K)	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Yuvarathnaa (K)	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Roberrt (K)	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Pogaru (K)	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Rang De (Te)	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Sultan (Ta)	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Vakeel Saab (Te)	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Chakra (Ta)	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 1.25 pm 4.30 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	6.50 pm
	(S-4)	6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-1)	7.35 pm
	(S-2)	4.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.30 am
Vakeel Saab (Te)	(S-2)	10.10 am
	(S-3)	3.55 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Karnan (Ta)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
	(S-3)	12.55 pm
	(S-4)	10 am, 3.50 pm
Kode Muruga (K)	(S-4)	1 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	11 am, 2.30 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 5.15 pm, 9 pm
Vakeel Saab (Te)	(S-3)	10.45 am, 6 pm, 9.30 pm
Karnan (Ta)	(S-2)	10 am
	(S-4)	3.15 pm, 9.45 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-4	11.30 am
Kode Muruga (K)	(S-3)	2.15 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-4)	6.45 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	10 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.45 pm
	(S-4)	2.30 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-2)	10 am
	(S-4)	6.30 pm
Vakeel Saab (Te)	(S-2)	1 pm, 3.55 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am
Karnan (Ta)	(S-3)	10 am, 1 pm 3.55 pm, 6.50 pm

PVR

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	: 10 am, 11 am, 11.30 am, 1.30 pm 2.30 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm, 6.30 pm, 8.30 pm, 9.30 pm, 10 pm
Roberrt (K)	: 11.45 am
Vakeel Saab (Te)	: 11.10 am, 2.40 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	: 6:50 pm,
Karnan (Ta)	: 11.15 am, 2.50 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.40 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	: 3.25 pm
Anugraheet (Ma)	: 3.40 pm, 10 pm

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	: 10.50 am, 11.30 am, 3 pm, 6 pm,6.30 pm
Kode Muruga (K)	: 2.35 pm
Karnan (Ta)	: 11.20 am, 2.25 pm, 6.10 pm
Vakeel Saab (Te)	: 11 am, 2.45 pm, 5.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

College students hold out-reach activity at Karimuddenahalli

Mysuru, Apr. 14- NSS and Red Cross Youth Wing of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), under the banner of Unnath Bharath Abhiyan (UBA), conducted an out-reach activity at Karimuddenahalli in Hunsur taluk. The programme began at 8.30 am on April 10. An enthusiastic team of 40 students and 5 faculty coordinators from each Department of VVCE participated in the outreach activity.

Following activities were conducted on the occasion: Awareness on vaccination against COVID-19; Plastic awareness; Issue of cotton bags; Talk on New Education Policy-2020.

Dr. K. Gopal Reddy, Chief Coordinator of NSS and Red Cross Youth Wing of VVCE, Mysuru, highlighted about the importance of National service scheme. He even stressed about the need for doing social services. In his speech, he highlighted the programmes conducted by VVCE NSS youth wing such as creating awareness on usage of single use plastic, fund-raising during Pulwama attack for army relief fund, plantation drive, adaptation of villages under Samsad Adarsha Grama Yojana and many more.

The students also created awareness about various issues like ground water harvesting, plastic awareness, crop rotation by going to houses in the village. One of the most important activity conducted was creation of awareness about the vaccination for COIVD-19.

Students of 5th semester EEE highlighted importance of taking vaccination for COVID-19 and also created awareness regarding the same. The students of 1st semester Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning delivered a talk on New Education Policy-2020.

They highlighted about the new policy which replaces the previous National Policy on Education, 1986. The policy is a comprehensive framework for elementary education to higher education as well as vocational training in both rural and urban India. The policy aims to transform India's education system by 2021.

Ugadi discount sale to conclude tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 14- The Ugadi festival offer discount sale of National and International branded readymade garments which is underway at Hotel Pai Vista on B.N. Road in city since Apr. 7, will conclude tomorrow (Apr. 15). **The sale is open for public from 10 am to 9 pm. Entry is free.**

Due to Corona crisis, garment factories are suffering a huge loss. Hence, to clear the stocks they are offering huge discounts on all garments (ladies, gents and children) at this biggest discount sale.

Over 50,000 varieties of ladies, gents and kids branded clothes, including T-shirts, jeans pants, low wears, bermudas, ladies tops, kurthis, pyjamas, palazo and other designer wears are available for sale which are priced between Rs. 150 and Rs. 350. Rajasthan royal print bedsheets, warli print, mickey mouse print, cotton satin bedsheets, kalamkari print, embroidery works, sofa sheet, diwan cot sheet, pillow covers are also available for sale.

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TODAY'S MATCH (APRIL 14)

SRH Vs RCB — 7.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCH (APRIL 15)

RR Vs DC — 7.30 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULT

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